

Kentucky Principal Leadership Institute

What is the Kentucky Principal Leadership Institute?

The Kentucky Principal Leadership Institute is a collaborative enterprise among those Kentucky universities with education leadership programs to improve K-12 student learning by providing specialized training to the next generation of public school principals.

How will Kentucky be served by the institute?

The aging of Kentucky's principals in the workforce presents school districts with a unique opportunity to prepare a new generation of school leaders, committed to effective teaching and enhancing student learning. Going forward, Kentucky's principal preparation programs need to be aligned with the new realities of K-12 schooling and focus on preparing leaders capable of ensuring that all children can achieve at high levels. The Kentucky Principal Leadership Institute will address this need. Anticipated program benefits include increased student achievement, reduced achievement gaps, and higher graduation rates, as well as improved quality of life and economic vitality in the Commonwealth.

How does the initiative work?

Program funds will be used for program planning and design, salaries and benefits for institute personnel, and participant costs. The Council staff will issue a Request for Proposal to determine the location, governance, curricula, and organization of the institute.

What is the Council's request?

The Council requests \$500,000 in recurring funds in FY 2006-07 and an additional \$1.5 million in FY 2007-08 of recurring funds to support the Principal Leadership Institute.

Why is the funding needed?

Research has shown that an effective principal is a key component of achieving a high-performing school. In recent decades the quality of public education in the United States has come under increased scrutiny. National commission reports have been highly critical of the condition of systems of education and have launched one of the most intense, comprehensive, and sustained efforts to improve student learning in American history. At first reform initiatives focused on improving curricula, strengthening teaching, and ensuring accountability, but, in recent years, attention has shifted to the role of school administrators in producing positive educational outcomes.



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